SRI K. VINAYAKAM : May I know how many years had passed since the Board was constituted? Why is there delay in not even auditing the first year's accounts? Are we to believe that the entire Board is working on proper lines in the absence of their accounts being audited?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : In my answer to Part (c) I have just indicated the difficulties which we have faced. These difficulties have been more or less overcome or settled and the first year's accounts audit has been over and for subsequent years, the work is in progress.

Electricity for Textile Mills

* 2084 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to supply additional electric power to all textile mills in the State, and if so, when?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Instructions have been issued by the Chief Engineer of the Madras State Electricity Board on 27th June 1961 authorizing the Superintending Engineers of the department to allow additional hours of supply to textile mills and other H.T. consumers.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Since electrical energy is not supplied uniformly and continuously to textile mills like the B. and C. Mills, Madras, there has been shift system going on and in some cases unemployment has resulted. Would the Hon. Minister reconsider the Government's decision and give them continuous electrical energy which they need?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : From 27th June 1961 the supply has been improved and we still have grouping and staggering because of want of sufficient power. But I do not think after our improved supply there would be much difficulty.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether this additional supply of power has been utilized for the third shift by the textile mills?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Many mills have availed of the supply.

SRI A. MARIAPPAN : ஸார், திருநெல்வேலி கூட்டுறவு நூற்பு ஆலைக்கு மின்சாரம் சப்ளை கிடைக்காததினால், மூன்றாவது ஷிப்ட் ஆரம்பிக்கப்படவில்லை என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : அதற்குத் தனியாக ஒரு கேள்வி வேண்டும்.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether this additional supply of power is given only to textile mills or to other industries also? If so, what are those other industries?

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THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Textile mills and other High Tension consumers.

Express Bus between Madurai and Cumbum

* 2085. *Q.*—**SRI K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN) :** கனம் மின்சார அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

மதுரை-கம்பம் எக்ஸ்பிரஸ் பஸ் விடும் உத்தேசம் என்ன வாயிற்று ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : There is no proposal to run an express service between Madurai and Cumbum.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : If it would not be possible for Government to run an express bus service between Madurai and Cumbum valley, may I know whether there was any application made by private transport agencies for such permit?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Express buses are run not only by Government. Even private operators do run express services. Here we will have to consider whether there is any need for express service. It is on that consideration that at present we find there is no need for such service.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : ஸார், அடுத்த வருஷத்திற்கு புதிதாக எத்தனை எக்ஸ்பிரஸ் பஸ்கள் விடுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறார்கள் ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : What are the rudimentary things necessary for introducing an express service? What should be the distance between the two places? Did the T.V.S. apply for permission to ply express buses on that route?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : In this particular case?

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Yes.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The general principle to be borne in mind is that the express route should not be less than 75 miles. In this particular case, the operators in that sector have applied for permission to ply express buses on that route and this has been gone into by the Regional Transport Authority and the Regional Transport Authority has taken certain decision which has more or less appealed to State Transport Authority.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know whether any Inter-State express bus services are going to be started very soon?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Yes.